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Office Memorandum

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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 7 May 1959

FROM : Chief, School of International
Communism and the USSRSUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 18
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Class. CHANGED TO: TS S (C)

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Date: 26 JAN 78 By: 02LI. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. In response to the request made by [REDACTED] of OTR/Personnel concerning the need of SIC for assignment of military personnel in the event of mobilization, it is my view that SIC would have no need for such assignment unless other responsibilities were placed upon it than those presently existing. In the event SIC should take on the responsibilities of training in the military field in subjects such as: Order of Battle, Ship, Plane and Armament Recognition, Uniforms, Insignia, and things of that sort, the assignment of military personnel to provide such instruction would most certainly be required. Although I conceive of this as material for the Operations School, obviously it could be handled by SIC if so directed.

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2. Nine students began the Anti-Communist Operations course on 4 May. [REDACTED] was not available to "kick off" the course until the second day but it is now running as originally scheduled.

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3. [REDACTED] have in the past been impressed with the interest, alertness and apparent knowledge of the SIS classes to whom they have lectured. On the basis of the seminar groups which they ran individually on 5 May this opinion must be revised unless the present SIS class is an exception and less well-equipped than previous ones. In the seminar groups which consisted of from twelve to fifteen students the level of discussions remained basic and pedestrian and none of the students displayed more than a layman's knowledge, nor were any of them particularly articulate. The sophistication of the seminar discussion rarely reached the level achieved in our IOC classes. It was concluded that we have been misinterpreting enthusiasm and interest on the part of the SIS classes for knowledge of the subject. [REDACTED] the SIS administrator, suggested for future runnings of his course that the Communist instruction be given in seminars rather than by lecture. On the basis of this experience it is felt that changing to seminar discussions would be less productive. The discussion with [REDACTED] took place before the seminar session and we

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were unable to see him afterward to inform him of our conclusion.

4. Tutorial Training:

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May 1, 2, 4 and 5 8 hours each day.

5. Non-Agency Presentations:

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4 May - SIS - 2 hours
"Basis of Communist Thought"

5 May - SIS - 1 hour
"Communist Movement Today"

5 May - SIS - 2 hours
"Seminar on Communism"

4 May - SIS - 1 hour
"Soviet Intelligence"

4 May - SIS - 2 hours
"Development and Status of CP
Organization"

5 May - SIS - 2 hours
"Seminar on Communism"

III. PERSONNEL NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] departed 7 May on TDY. He expects to return on 21 May.

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2. [REDACTED] is departing 7 May for home leave. He will return on 13 May and depart for his combination PCS assignment and TDY on 20 May.

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3. [REDACTED] on 9 May to conduct a week's tutorial for FE.

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4. The possibility has arisen for [REDACTED] to be detailed to OCR on a 90-day trial basis. Since the prospective position is a permanent one of Intelligence Analyst carrying a GS-9 slot, we feel that [REDACTED] should be allowed this opportunity, and [REDACTED] has been informed that she is available. Her leaving will place a burden on the staff in that we will now have to screen all the documents coming into the office ourselves until a suitable replacement can be found and trained.

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